

# Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning



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Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with the children as you are able.

<p><b>BIG QUESTION</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<p>What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word!</p> <p>There are millions of books in the world, but none is like the Bible. It alone is God's perfect Word! God made sure it was written down just right. It tells us everything we need to know God and to live for Him. It is powerful to do everything God wants it to do. Everything else in this world may come and go, but God's Word will last forever. It will always prove true.</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What's so special about the Bible? <i>It alone is God's Word!</i></li> <li>2. How many books are there in the world? <i>Millions!</i></li> <li>3. How many books are like the Bible? <i>None!</i></li> <li>4. Why is the Bible different from all the other books in the world? <i>It alone is God's Word.</i></li> <li>5. What does the Bible tell us about God? <i>Everything we need to know.</i></li> <li>6. What does the Bible tell us about how we should live? <i>Everything we need to know.</i></li> <li>7. What is the Bible powerful to do? <i>Everything God wants it to do.</i></li> <li>8. Will the things in this world last forever? <i>No, they won't. They will come and go.</i></li> <li>9. How long will God's Word last? <i>Forever!</i></li> <li>10. What will always prove true? <i>The Bible! It is God's perfect Word.</i></li> <li>11. Who can help me to understand God's Word, the Bible? <i>God can.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<p>The Bible Alone is God's Word...God uses it to change His people!</p> <p>We read books to know things. We read the Bible to know things, too. The Bible tells us about God and His plans for sinful people, like you and me. It tells us that God is good, but that we have all disobeyed Him. It tells us of how Jesus came to save us from our sins. These are all very good things us to learn. But the Bible does more than just help us to learn things. It is God's Word and He makes it POWERFUL to do things inside of us. It is powerful to SAVE us (as we learned before); but also, to CHANGE us in wonderful way, once we become His people. God does this through His Holy Spirit, working in our hearts, as we think about His Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit can help us understand God's Word, so that we can know how God wants us to live. He can use God's Word to show us ways we are disobeying God, and He can help us turn away from them. He can help us remember God's words of comfort and forgiveness when we are sad. He can help us live and love the way God tells us to in the Bible.</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does the Bible tell us about? <i>About God and His good plan to save people like you and me through Jesus.</i></li> <li>2. What else does God use His Word, the Bible, to do? <i>To keep on changing us, even after He has saved us from our sins.</i></li> <li>3. How does God change us by His Word, the Bible? <i>He sends His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts as we learn God's Word. He helps us change.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>THE GOSPEL</b></p>	<p>What is God's good news for you and me that God gives us in His Word, the Bible? <i>The gospel! Even though we are sinners who deserve God's punishment for our sins, God sent His Son to save us. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! God invites us to become His people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, His Holy Spirit will come live in our hearts, so we can know and love God now. And one day, go to live with God in heaven forever. That will be best of all!</i></p>

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<p><b>BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE</b></p>	<p>“Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.”--Psalm 119:97-98</p>
<p><b>Meaning</b></p>	<p><b>Learn a Little:</b> “Your commands make me wiser.”</p>
<p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<p>God has put so many wonderful things in His Word, the Bible. He’s put songs of worship in it. He’s given us stories of the mighty things He’s done for His people. He tells us about how Jesus came to save us from our sins. He’s filled it with His good plans and His promises. God has also written His laws and commandments in the Bible. (“Laws” and “commandments” are big words that mean “rules.”) God’s laws tell us how God wants us to live. When we read God’s laws in the Bible, the Holy Spirit can use them to change us and make us wise to live God’s good way. They can help us to do the right thing, even when we have enemies around us who want us to do the wrong thing. God’s laws are always the best way to live. No wonder God’s people love to meditate on them! They want to live to please God. God’s laws can help them. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
<p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where did God write down His laws? <i>In the Bible, His Word.</i></li> <li>2. What do God’s laws tell us? <i>How God wants us to live.</i></li> <li>3. When is it good to live by God’s laws? <i>Always. They are always the best way to live.</i></li> <li>4. Meditate is a big word that means thinking about something over and over. What do God’s people love to meditate on? <i>God’s laws and all the rest of God’s Word, the Bible.</i></li> <li>5. When do God’s people meditate (think about) God’s Word? <i>All through the day.</i></li> <li>6. Why do you think God’s people think about God’s Word so much? <i>Because they want to live the way God wants them to live. And, because God helps change them as they think about it. God’s Word is powerful to change them!</i></li> <li>7. Why do you think God’s people love God’s law? <i>Because they want to live for God and God’s law tells them how.</i></li> <li>8. Why are God’s people happy that God’s law makes them wiser than their enemies? <i>Because God’s Word can help them do what is good and pleases God, even when others are against them. They need God to help them and He does...through His Word!</i></li> <li>9. How can we become God’s people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>BIBLE STORY</b></p>	<p><b>The Case of the Marvelous Mess</b> <i>Acts 19; Ephesians</i></p>
<p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What man went to Ephesus to tell the people the good news of Jesus? <i>Paul.</i></li> <li>2. What book did Paul use to tell the people about Jesus? <i>God’s Word, the Bible.</i></li> <li>3. Who did the people in Ephesus worship? <i>Fake gods and goddesses, especially Artemis.</i></li> <li>4. What did many people come to Ephesus to do? <i>To worship Artemis.</i></li> <li>5. What did people do to honor Artemis? <i>They threw big worship parties and bought statues of her to take home.</i></li> <li>6. What happened when Paul preached the good news of Jesus in Ephesus? <i>Many people believed and were saved.</i></li> <li>7. What did God use His Word to do inside the people of Ephesus? <i>He used it to save them and to change them.</i></li> <li>8. What did the people do with their Magical books when they became believers in Jesus? <i>They burned them up in a big fire.</i></li> <li>9. What did the people stop buying when they became believers in Jesus? <i>Statues and stuff for the big worship parties for the fake gods.</i></li> <li>10. What made the shopkeepers so angry? <i>So many people had become believers in Jesus and had stopped buying their statues and stuff for worship parties.</i></li> <li>11. What did the shopkeepers do when they got really angry? <i>They got together a huge crowd of people who cheered for Artemis and wanted to get rid of Paul.</i></li> <li>12. What did the city leaders do to get rid of the mess in Ephesus? <i>They made Paul leave town.</i></li> <li>13. What did God’s Word keep on doing in Ephesus, even after Paul had left? <i>Kept working inside of people, helping them trust in Jesus as their Savior; and, changing them, more and more.</i></li> <li>14. What can God’s Word do inside of us? <i>God can use it to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He can use it to change us, too.</i></li> </ol>